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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAO WATANABE ) : Examiner: N/Y/A  
Application No.: 10/600,449 ) : Group Art Unit: 2622  
Filed: June 23, 2003 ) : Confirmation No.: 7213  
For: IMAGE FORMATION ) :  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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